



BARNACK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1958

To which is added

The Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health

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June, 1959.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
Barnack Rural District Council.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1958, in which capacity I am acting due to the retirement of Dr. W. Anley Hawes.

The general health of the district has been good, and the statistics are very satisfactory.

The live birth rate of 15.6 compares with a rate of 16.4 for England and Wales as a whole.

The death of one infant under the age of one year gives an infant mortality rate of 12.3 compared with a rate of 22.5 for the country as a whole. There were no still-births.

The most striking point about the health statistics is the extremely low death rate of 3.0 per 1000 of the population. This is 8.7 lower than the national figure, and must surely be a record for the district. There was one death from tuberculosis, and one from syphilitic disease, but there were no deaths from other infectious or contagious diseases.

88 cases of infectious disease only were notified in the district during the year - 65 of these being cases of measles. Last year 221 cases of infectious disease were notified.

One Clearance Area has been defined and progress has been made with slum clearance by Closing and Demolition Orders.

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity and quality.

I am, My Lord, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE NISBET

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	15,256 acres
Population estimated mid 1958.	4,980
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book	977
Rateable Value	£48,108
Sum Represented by Penny Rate.	£192

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births</u>	Males 33
	Females 45
	Total 78

<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000</u> <u>Population</u>	15.6
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<u>Still-births</u>	Nil
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<u>Still-births rate per 1,000</u> <u>live and still-births</u>	0.0
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<u>Infant Deaths.</u>	1
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1000 live births; total</u>	12.8
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births; legitimate</u>	12.9
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<u>Infant mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live births; illegitimate</u>	0.0
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<u>Neo-natal mortality rate</u>	12.8
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<u>Illegitimate live births per</u> <u>cent of total live births</u>	1.2%
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<u>Maternal Deaths.</u>	Nil
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<u>Maternal mortality rate per</u> <u>1,000 live and still-births</u>	0.0
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<u>Death Rate per 1,000</u> <u>population</u>	3.0
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INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES,

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis respiratory.	-	1
Tuberculosis (other forms).	-	-
Syphilitic Disease.	-	1
Diphtheria.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Meningococcal Infections.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast.	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus.	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm.	1	-
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia.	-	-
Diabetes.	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	1	-
Coronary diseases, angina	1	-
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases.	1	2
Other circulatory diseases.	-	2
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis.	-	-
Other diseases respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis.	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and illdefined diseases	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents.	-	1
All other accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & operations of war.	-	-
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

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NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.										
Pneumonia and Bronchitis				1						
Enteritis and Diarrhoea										
Other Causes										
Total=				1						

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

	Total cases notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-
Pneumonia	6	3	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	65	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	9	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Total=	88	3	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Not known	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	6
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	2	1	2	9	11	11	27	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	1	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total =	2	2	3	10	12	11	33	3	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	88

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Deaths during 1958				New cases during 1958			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-

New cases notified during 1955 = 5
 " " " " 1956 = 2
 " " " " 1957 = 1
 " " " " 1958 = 2

FACTORY ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	5	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	8	17	1	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	8	13	-	-
Total	18	35	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more
separate occasions, they should be reckoned as, two three or
more "cases".

	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	1	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Nursing in the Home.

Under the Soke of Peterborough County Council Scheme the services of the District Nurses are available in all the villages in the District.

Home Helps.

Home Helps are available under the County Council scheme. Application should be made to:-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

General Hospitals.

Acute and Maternity admissions to either Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford or the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, or Maternity Units under the charge of this Hospital.

Chronic and long term cases are admitted to St. George's Hospital, Stamford.

Isolation Hospital.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare Clinics:-

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| (a) The Village Hall,
Barnack | 1st Wednesday & 3rd Thursday
in the month, in afternoon |
| (b) The Sick Quarters, R.A.F. Station,
Wittering. | 1st & 3rd Wednesday in the
month, in afternoon. |

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Provided under the General Practitioner Service of the National Health Acts.

(b) Provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis cases are seen at the Chest Clinic, Stamford Hospital, provided by the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee.

Weekly Clinic:-

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| Stamford and Rutland Hospital | Tuesday and Friday |
| Chest Clinic, 1 Thorpe Road,
Peterborough | Old cases
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
New cases
Tuesday & Friday. |

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough under Dr. D.H. Fulton.

Examination of water samples and/or bacteriological specimens are made both at the request of the Public Health and National Health General Practitioner Services.

BARNACK RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, SURVEYOR AND WATER ENGINEER

FOR THE YEAR 1958.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my 8th Annual Report for the year ending 1958.

STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Water Supplies	78
Refuse Collection & Disposal	22
Drainage & Sewage Disposal	152
Factories & Workshops	35
Housing (other than Council Houses)	80
Council House Maintenance	372
Building	52
Infectious Diseases	14
Food Preparation (including School Kitchens)	26
Miscellaneous	62
	<u>893</u>

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

5 dwellings were demolished during the year, mainly as a result of informal action. 6 sub-standard houses in the district were closed by agreement with the owners on vacation by tenants. At the end of the year further inspections of 15 properties in Newtown were being made with a view to possible demolition action being taken.

14 houses were repaired as a result of informal action and 1 Certificate of Disrepair, under the Rent Act, 1957, was issued.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 4 applications for Improvement Grant to the value of £1,885 were approved for 5 dwellings (£3,120 for 13 dwellings last year).

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

The number of factories registered during the year was 18 (15 last year) the majority being small one man businesses. Suitable sanitary conveniences and washing facilities were provided at one factory, and a Notice was served on the owner of another factory regarding the sanitary conveniences which were found to be unsuitable. A plan for this work was deposited for approval under Building Byelaws at the end of the year.

MILK REGULATIONS

There are 6 distributors of milk and 2 dealers in the district. 13 supplementary licences (12 last year) were granted for the retail sale of designated milks (T.T., Sterilised and Pasteurised).

SHOPS ACT

The number of food shops in the district, 12, is an increase of one since last year. Periodical inspections have been made and there is nothing special to report except that a warning was given to one shopkeeper because of dirty premises.

CONDEMNATION OF FOOD

No food was condemned in the year.

REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES

There are 9 premises (8 previous year) registered for the storage and sale of ice cream. All ice cream retailed in the district is sold in pre-packed containers.

Periodical inspections of food premises, including school kitchens, were made during the year. These premises were found to be generally satisfactory with one exception. In this case, apart from a most unsatisfactory water supply, several contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations and Clean Food Byelaws were found to exist and after several visits and inspections both by day and night, a little improvement was observed. In all probability, however, the Council would have had to have taken certain legal action to enforce the Regulations and Byelaws if these premises had not closed during the latter part of the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS YARDS

There are none in the district.

RAG FLOCK ACT 1951

No premises are registered in the district.

PET ANIMALS ACT

No such premises are licensed in the district.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

A scheme whereby a part-time Rodent Operator is employed in conjunction with 4 adjoining authorities has again proved to be generally satisfactory. The following inspections and treatments were made during the year:-

<u>Inspections</u>	Local Authority	45	
	Private Dwellings	55	
	Business Premises	3	
	Agricultural Premises	<u>16</u>	<u>119</u>
<u>Treatments</u>	Local Authority	23	
	Private Dwellings	84	
	Business Premises	<u>1</u>	<u>108</u>

The treatments involved approximately 170 visits. Various Sewage Disposal Works and certain lengths of public sewers were again periodically inspected and treated.

All complaints of rodent infestation received during the year were investigated and the necessary treatment given wherever necessary.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

6 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 cases of tuberculoses were investigated during the year.

Terminal disinfection of 1 sickroom only was carried out in the case of Scarlet Fever. Terminal disinfection with steam disinfection of bedding etc. was carried out in the 3 cases of tuberculosis reported.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) Pilsgate, Barnack, Bainton and Ufford.

In June the long awaited approval of the Scheme was received from the Ministry, and at the close of the year the necessary tender documents had been prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers and sent out to certain Civil Engineering contractors. After many years waiting it now appears at long last that 1959 will see the commencement of this important scheme, with the consequent abolition of certain drainage

nuisance "black spots" in the district.

(b) St. Martin Without and Wothorpe

Further house connections were made to the sewers during the year. A fracture in the pumping main near the Railway Bridge at St. Martin's was repaired. The two new Ejector Stations operated satisfactorily apart from certain minor teething troubles.

(c) Wittering

Considerable difficulty in the efficient maintenance of this unit was again experienced, due essentially to :-

- (i) Inadequacy of the sludge drying beds.
- (ii) Unsuitable site with outcropping springs.
- (iii) Unsuitable and unnegotiable gradient of roadway to site.
- (iv) Difficulty in moving sludge from site.
- (v) Inefficient compressor to Pneu Pump.

Some improvement was effected by the renewing of clogged filtering media of sludge drying beds, repairing the compressor, and the Council finally agreed to authorise the construction of a new roadway approximately 92 yds. long at a cost of £172, so as to give a more suitable gradient.

It is disappointing to record that three samples of sewage effluent taken during the year proved to be unsatisfactory.

Towards the end of the year experiments were being conducted in the straw composting of the sludge in the drying beds.

(d) Ufford

During the year the unsuitable filtering media of the filter bed was renewed, resulting in the improvement of the final effluent into the street drain.

(e) General

Once again the small sewage disposal units taking discharges from groups of Council houses at Wansford, Thornhaugh, Pilsgate, Barnack and Ufford, continued to be maintained during the year, and in addition the dykes taking the effluents from the units at Orchard Road and Uffington Road were cleaned out.

SCAVENGING

(a) Night Soil Collection

The weekly collection of night-soil by direct labour from all parishes in the district has again proved to be satisfactory, with the added advantage this year that due to the extra labour available when required, no breakdown or interruption in the service occurred at Holidays or during sickness of one of the collectors.

At the latter part of the year a new industrial diesel tractor and sanitary tumbler trailer were purchased.

(b) Refuse Collection and Disposal

The fortnightly collection of house refuse from the district, carried out by contract, proved again to be generally satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY

(a) Wansford, Thornhaugh and Wittering

This new scheme incorporates a spring collecting area, a 20,000 gall. pumping sump, and a pump house at Thornhaugh. The water is pumped through a rising pumping main to a 28,800 gall. elevated tank at Wittering, with a branch connection to the 10,000 gall. tank at Thornhaugh.

A G.P.O. line connects the transmitters for the automatic cut-in and cut-out between the pump house and the Wittering tank. This scheme has worked quite well with the exception that from time to time the transmitters have been put out of synchronisation due to various faults in the G.P.O. line, but at the end of the year this line was modified and improved with covered cable etc.

During the severe weather, in February, the transmitter mechanisation froze at the top of Wittering tank, with a result that there was no water available for approximately 20 hours, except for an emergency supply of 15,000 galls. which was obtained from the Stamford Waterworks, Bonemills Supply.

During the year a total of 12,648,000 galls were pumped from Thornhaugh source, 7,556,280 galls. being consumed at Wittering, and 5,092,520 galls. at Thornhaugh and Wansford. A comparison of 1957 consumption figures is as follows :-

Consumed at	1957	1958	Increase (+) Decrease (-)
THORNHAUGH and WANSFORD	4,925,000	5,092,520	167,520 (+)
WITTERING (from Thornhaugh)	3,583,000	7,556,280	3,973,280 (+)
(from Stanford Waterworks)	1,851,000	15,000	1,836,000 (-)
Total WITTERING	5,434,000	7,571,280	2,137,280 (+)
Total from THORNHAUGH source	8,508,000	12,648,800	4,140,800 (+)

The enclosure at the collecting area at Leicester Road Springs, Thornhaugh, was levelled and cleansed of weeds and rushes etc. and re-sown with suitable grass seed.

At the close of the year arrangements were in hand for utilising the subsidiary 3,000 gall. tank at Wittering for an augmentation supply of 15,000 - 20,000 g.p.d. to the R.A.F. Camp.

(b) Barnack Water Supply

This supply involves the pumping of water from a deep bore in the Lincolnshire limestone, by an electrical submersible pump to an elevated 15,000 galls. tank at Pilsgate, and thence by gravity to the district.

This supply has been trouble-free except for shortage of water in the higher parts of the district for comparatively short periods due to electrical failures in February, and the temporary failure of the "no-flote" control equipment in November.

During the year a total of 10,344,000 galls. was consumed from this supply compared with 10,422,000 in the previous year.

Once again I must bring the attention of the Council to the inadequacy of the storage capacity of this supply, the 15,000 gall. tank representing a 12 hour supply only. I consider this to be barely adequate at the present time, and it could certainly prove embarrassing in the light of increased water consumption which will automatically occur following the completion of the Barnack and District Sewerage Scheme.

Notwithstanding the impending formation of some sort of a Water Board in the area, due consideration should be paid to increasing the storage capacity of this supply before the termination of the sewerage scheme.

(c) St. Martin Without and Wothorpe

Stamford Waterworks are the statutory undertakers for these parishes.

(d) Water Samples

A total of 32 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination, 24 of which were from the Council's Barnack or Thornhaugh public supplies, results of which are as follows :-

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Classification of Results</u>			
	<u>Taken</u>	1.	2.	3.	4.
<u>Barnack Public Supply</u>					
Before Chlorination	6	6			
After Chlorination	6	6			
<u>Thornhaugh Public Supply</u>					
Before chlorination	6	6			
After chlorination	6	6			
	24	24			

NOTE:-

Ministry of Health Standard of Purity for drinking water is as follows :-

Presumptive Coli per 100 ml.

Class 1.	Highly Satisfactory	Less than 1
Class 2.	Satisfactory	1 - 2
Class 3.	Suspicious	3 - 10
Class 4.	Unsatisfactory	Greater than 10

It is gratifying to state that this is the first time to my knowledge that the Thornhaugh Supply has given a 100% highly satisfactory result, and as such is extremely good, subject of course to the supply at source being safeguarded in the usual way.

In addition the following samples were taken :-

Pump, 13, Southorpe Terrace. Unsatisfactory (Class 4.) As a result of which a notice was served on the owner who connected the cottage to the Council's mains.

Aero Cafe, Wittering. 3 Samples were taken from a "shallow" well and all were unsatisfactory and highly contaminated. As a result a "Boiling Notice" was served on the owner and latterly a mains supply of water was carted as necessary.

The Well, The Elms Cottage, Wittering. This sample proved to be excellent (Class 1).

Barnack Mill Farm and Sibberton Lodge Farm. A sample from wells at each of these farms proved to be excellent (Class 1).

The Well, Wothorpe Nursery. A sample from this source proved to be unsatisfactory. (Class 4.)

(e) New Connections

5 new connections (8 last year) were made to the Council's mains for 2 new bungalows, 2 existing properties and a petrol filling station.

(f) Bursts

6 bursts on water mains occurred in the District during the year and these were promptly attended to by your workmen.

(g) Details of Houses supplied

See Appendix (A) attached.

(h) Private Supplies

During the year the Council approved details of a private supply which was piped to serve Barnack Mill and Southorpe Mill Farms.

BUILDING BYELAWS

17 plans (18 last year) were deposited and approved under the Council's Building Byelaws for:-

Conversions, adaptations and Improvements	10
New Dwellings	4
Private Garages	2
Storage Accommodation	1
Drainage and Sanitary Conveniences	1
Food Preparation	1

BUS SHELTERS

During the year 2 further bus shelters were erected at Ufford, and one at St. Martin Without. The question of lighting these shelters and those previously erected in other parts of the district was deferred.

COUNCIL VAN

A new Bedford 10 cwt. van H.F.L.427 was purchased.

COUNCIL HOUSES

The external painting of 50 houses was approved during the year. Minor repairs to the Council houses are carried out by Council workmen, and other repairs and improvements by local building contractors. The biggest item of repair was again the renewal of obsolete ranges by modern appliances in the older types of Council houses. New fencing has been erected in various parts of the district and additional street name plates have been provided and fixed. Further renewals of galvanised hot water cylinders were made to replace those affected by cupro-solvent action.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their tolerance and understanding in my endeavours, and my fellow officers for their co-operation.

I am,
My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. WARD GRIFFITHS

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

BARNACK R. D. C.

DETAILS OF WATER SUPPLY

	No. of Houses	Approximate No. of Inhabitants	Houses with Tap inside	Approximate No. of Inhabitants	Houses with Taps outside	Approximate No. of Inhabitants	Houses served by wells	Approximate No. of Inhabitants
<u>BARNACK SUPPLY</u>								
Barnack	234	780	186	621	48	159	-	-
Bainton	60	200	25	84	25	83	10	33
Ufford	53	177	48	160	4	14	1	3
Southorpe	47	157	32	107	13	43	2	7
Total	394	1314	291	972	90	299	13	43
<u>THORNHAUGH/WITTERING SUPPLY</u>								
Thornhaugh	69	230	56	187	8	26	5	17
Wansford	90	300	83	277	3	10	4	13
Wittering (Part)	268	893	247	823	11	37	10	33
Total	427	1423	386	1287	22	73	19	63
<u>STAMFORD WATERWORKS</u>								
Wothorpe	60	200	52	173	-	-	8	27
St. Martins	94	315	84	280	8	27	2	8
Total	154	515	136	453	8	27	10	35
GRAND TOTAL	975	3252	813	2712	120	399	42	141

Year 1958

POPULATION STATISTICS

Pop. of Stat. Area
" supplied into houses
" supplied by standpipes
Total population directly supplied
Population without piped supplies

2737 (excluding R.A.F. Camp Wittering, and 515 inhabitants Wothorpe and St. Martins supplied by Stamford Waterworks).
2259
372

2631
106

Water Supplies(contd.)

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In addition 3 samples were taken from an outcropping spring on the Thornhaugh site where iron ore is being excavated by the Dowsett Mineral Recovery Company Ltd., and in each case the sample proved to be excellent. A further sample of well water was taken from the Elms Cottages, Wittering, and again it proved to be excellent.

During the year the water from both the Council supplies was again chemically analysed and found to be satisfactory, except that each supply tends to have inherent cupro-solvent properties.

(e) New Connections.

8 new connections (12 last year) were made to the Council's water mains to serve 3 new bungalows, 3 conversions of existing property, 1 filling station and 1 agricultural supply.

BUILDING BYELAWS.

18 plans were deposited for approval under the Council's Building Byelaws during the year as follows:-

Conversions, Adaptations and Improvements	7
New Dwellings	4
Private Garages	5
Storage Accomodation	1
Petrol Filling Station	1

BUS SHELTERS AND STREET LIGHTING.

During the year timber bus shelters were erected at Barnack, Bainton, Wansford and Wothorpe, and towards the end of the year additional shelters at Ufford and St. Martins were being dealt with.

A street lighting scheme was prepared during the year.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

During the year a painting programme for the external painting of 38 houses was approved and partially completed at the end of the year.

Minor repairs to the 214 Council Houses are carried out by the Council workmen, and other repairs and improvements by building contractors.

Periodical visits were paid to 2 dirty Council Houses in the District and co-operation was afforded by the Health Visitors of the County Council.

Once again the biggest item of repair during the year was the renewal of obsolete ranges in the older type of houses by modern appliances.

Improvements to a small section of the roadway at Orchard Road, Barnack, (new gullies, etc.) were carried out and certain street name plates erected in the District.

Council Houses (contd.)

At the end of the year certain repairs were necessary to the Ufford Sewage Disposal Unit, and trouble was experienced in the failure of the internal plumbing in some houses due to a bio-chemical action.

In conclusion once again I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Abbott, the Chairman, and to the members of the Council for their understanding and support, and to my fellow officers for their co-operation.

I am,
Sir, My Lord, Madam, and Gentlemen,
Yours sincerely,

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